

**Are you creative, community-oriented, collaborative, and organized?  
Do you care about your local library?**

**If so, consider running for  
Trustee of the Howland Public Library!**

**What do we do?** We have many exciting projects ahead as we address our aging building and facilities, and work to improve diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusivity on the board and in library policy. Trustees also have responsibilities for library financial oversight, policy creation, community outreach and advocacy. Trustees work with the Director of the library to carry out its mission and develop the Long Range Plan.

**What is the time commitment?** Trustees meet as a board in-person on the second Tuesday of each month at 7PM for one to two hours. Committee meetings occur less regularly, but you should anticipate a 2 hour/week commitment to the library. Trustees are also required to complete 2 hours of trustee education per year, which is provided by MHLS. Many of our trustees are parents and/or working full-time.

**Who can run?** People who are United States citizens, eighteen years or older, and have been residents of the Beacon City School District for thirty days before the election are eligible to run. We currently have two five-year vacancies on the board.

**What do I have to do?** Candidates for trustee positions must pick up petitions at the library. **These petitions should be notarized and returned to the library clerk by 5PM on March 27, 2023 and carry the signatures of at least twenty-five people qualified to vote in the Beacon City School District elections. The election will take place on April 27, 2023.**

**Questions?**

Contact Phoebe Zinman at [Trustee9@beaconlibrary.org](mailto:Trustee9@beaconlibrary.org)  
Please consider the opportunity to serve our community and help the library grow.

